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To: Director
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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

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A review of our files concerning Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., who was mentioned in news media on January 3, 1969, as being a board member of a new National Committee to Investigate Assassinations, disclosed that Fensterwald was born August 2, 1921, in Knoxville, Tennessee, the son of Bernard Fensterwald and Blanche Lindsay Fensterwald. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated March 20, 1959, which sets forth considerable background data concerning Fensterwald. (77-44206-34)

During recent years, Fensterwald has served as General Counsel for Senator Edward V. Long's Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure.

A check of our files also disclosed that we received correspondence from Richard K. Sprague, 37 Harvard Drive, Hartsdale, New York, in July, 1968. On that occasion,

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Mr. Sprague furnished a copy of his research monograph describing photographs of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy which he had accumulated. Mr. Sprague requested an opportunity to meet with a representative of this Bureau to review and discuss his material. However, we noted in reviewing Mr. Sprague's material that there was nothing new that had not already been fully considered in our examination of the evidence involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and, therefore, we informed Mr. Sprague we did not feel it necessary to meet with him to go over his material. (62-109060-6520)

In reviewing some of the books written by critics of the Warren Commission, we noted that Josiah Thompson, in his book entitled "Six Seconds in Dallas," acknowledged assistance from one "Richard Sprague" not further identified.

We also noted that Sylvia Meagher, author of "Accessories After the Fact," acknowledged the assistance of Richard E. Sprague stating "I am grateful to Richard E. Sprague for making available a list compiled by him of photographs and films which seem to have been overlooked entirely by the Warren Commission and these investigative agencies." In her book, Mrs. Meagher was extremely critical concerning the Warren Commission, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Secret Service and the Dallas Police Department. (62-109060-6290)

A check of our files also disclosed that during 1954 W. Lloyd Tupling was appointed the Information Officer of the Staff of Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic Senator of Oregon. One Lloyd Tupling, University News Bureau, Eugene, Oregon, was listed as a member of the "Society of America's Friends of the Mexican People" as of August 13, 1938. This group is no longer in existence and was not investigated by the FBI, although indications were that the group was sympathetic to the communist cause. During May, 1950, one Lloyd Tupling was the publisher of "The State-Wide Newspaper," a weekly newspaper published in Boise, Idaho. (100-179915-23)

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Our files do not disclose whether the Tupling mentioned above is identical to the Lloyd Tupling who reportedly is a board member of the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

Our files contain no information identifiable with Paris Flammonde who also reportedly is a board member of the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

Enclosure

NOTE:

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Memorandum M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop dated 1/6/69 reported that a new National Committee to Investigate Assassinations was formed and this new committee was to include as board members Bernard Fensterwald, New Orleans District Attorney Garrison, former FBI Agent William Turner, author Fred J. Cook, Richard Sprague, Lloyd Tupling and Paris Flammonde. CIA requested data in our files concerning Fensterwald, Sprague, Tupling and Flammonde.

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